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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Re: Application of Shinji IMAI and Hiroaki YASUDA
IMAGE READ-OUT METHOD AND SYSTEM, SOLID IMAGE SENSOR,
AND IMAGE DETECTING SHEET
Assignee: FUJI PHOTO FILM CO., LTD.
Our Ref: Q78573

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 09/534,204 (Confirmation No. 2972) filed March 24, 2000, of Shinji IMAI and Hiroaki YASUDA entitled IMAGE READ-OUT METHOD AND SYSTEM, SOLID IMAGE SENSOR, AND IMAGE DETECTING SHEET.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 26 sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 2878.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a divisional of Application No. 09/534,204 filed March 24, 2000; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	79984/1999	March 24, 1999

The priority document was filed in parent Application No. 09/534,204.

The Government filing fee is calculated, **after entry of the Preliminary Amendment**, as follows:

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A Petition and payment for an extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith in Application No. 09/534,204. The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

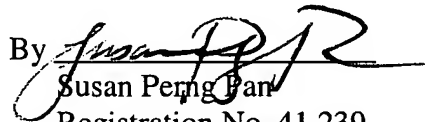
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